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## SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- Look for Professional Development Opportunities for Educators and Counselors
- Great opportunities for Students
- Career Resources

Educators  
Experiencing  
Nanotechnology –  
Hands-on Science at  
NDSCS Skills and  
Technology Center

## Educator Energy Tour a Success

Twenty professionals from all over ND took advantage of the Discover Energy and Technology in SE ND Industry Tour for Educators on May 27 and 28, 2009. This fast and furious two day experience was packed full of activities including industry tours by DMI Industries in West Fargo, wind tower production; Tharaldson Ethanol in Casselton; and Microsoft in Fargo. The participants had a half day hands-on lab experience with the science professionals in Nanotechnology and Biofuels at the NDSCS Skills and Technology Center. They also explored high

value energy careers with Kent Ellis from Bismarck.

A very informative presentation was given about the ND oil and gas industry. Dr. Kevin Gyolai, NDSCS's Math and Science Department Chairman discussed the many (STEM) science, technology, engineering and math career opportunities available to students today. He approaches math and science by engaging and interacting with his students, challenging them to reason and analyze data in a purposeful way. This event was a great opportunity to get out of the classroom and see what was happening with ND industry.



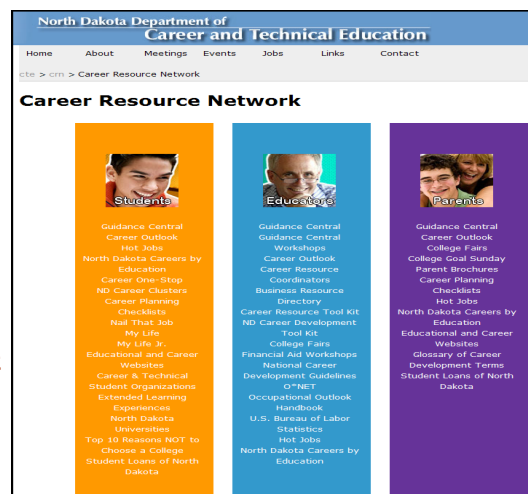
Educators ready to tour the Tharaldson Ethanol Plant in Casselton, ND



## Career Resource Network

[www.nd.gov/cte/crn](http://www.nd.gov/cte/crn)

New Logo, New Look. Most important, it is **improved** to serve you better. Great career resources at your finger tips for educators, students, and parents. Career resources are now more accessible to you and your staff so check it out. Add this site to your school newsletters so parents can easily get the career information they need.



**RU Ready ND.com**



**Sara Chadwick-winner with Dolores Manson, Career Development Counselor**

*Choose a job you  
love and you'll  
never work a  
day in your  
life. - Confucius*



# She's the Winner!

Each year the **Bank of North Dakota Student Loan Services** gives away a laptop computer to one lucky young North Dakotan. The winner this year was **Sara Chadwick**, a senior at **Barnes County North-Wimbledon Campus**. Sara received a letter this summer explaining that she had won a prize. She couldn't quite believe it and didn't even want to hope it was actually the laptop. When the Gateway arrived she was elated! Sara is already putting it to good use

and can be seen keying in notes and doing assignments for her senior classes. Sara is the daughter of Vicki and Mark Chadwick. Sara plans on going to college next year and will have one very important item checked off her list of things to purchase.

Students of **Dolores Manson**, Career Development Counselor, are always encouraged to register at [www.ndmystudentloan.com](http://www.ndmystudentloan.com) for a chance to win the laptop while going through the

BND student publication Life 101. This is the second time one of her students has won so she knows it pays to register. Mrs. Manson was thrilled for Sara and expressed thanks to the Bank of North Dakota for providing this as well as many other resources and services for students of North Dakota.



## Workshops available in the SE Region

The ND Career Information Delivery System, RUReadyND.com has a new look and a new name. These XAP products keep getting better and easier for counselors and educators to use with their students. If the professionals in your school have not been to a training lately they are missing all the new features available to students. Topics available for training include the following:

- 1- **RUReadyND.com 101**, the basic product features,
- 2- **RUReady to Plan?**, student course plans,
- 3- **RUReady for Something New?**, newly developed lesson plans to use with students, **Coming up Oct. 15 at Jamestown High School**,
- 4- **RUReady for Improved Test Scores?**, designed for school teams to assist stu-

dents to reach their full potential on the ACT, college entrance exam, and assisting student academic progress. This workshop is coming up on **Oct 1st, 1-4pm at NDSCS, Wahpeton and Oct 7th, 1-4pm at Oakes High School**. Consider bringing a team of educators to this workshop and help students build the academic skills they need to succeed in post secondary education. You can register online: [www.nd.gov/cte/crn](http://www.nd.gov/cte/crn)

## The Real Game goes Digital

The Real Game digital edition is a brand new game which features new environmental education, character education, community, and essential workplace skills components, as well as many new role profiles taken directly from Industry. Educators can choose to deliver the program in the traditional hardcopy format or use the exciting new

online presentation and interactive components from school or home. This career exploration tool works great with the new SMART board technology many schools have. Students primarily in grades 7 and 8 will explore the feel of having a job, collecting an income, managing their money, and making tough choices in a

fun interactive way. Other products for additional ages are available but not digital yet.

**A workshop** exploring the features of this product and how it can enhance student learning is available **Nov 19, from 1- 4pm at Skills and Technology Center in Fargo**. You can register online:

[www.nd.gov/cte/crn](http://www.nd.gov/cte/crn)

# ND Career Resource Coordinators present in LA



**ND Career Resource Coordinators:**  
**Jody Breker, SE, Jennie Granrud, NW,**  
**Donna Fricke, SW and**  
**Judy Barstad, NE.**

The ND Career Resource Network presented what they have been doing in North Dakota with student course planning at the 2009 Reach Farther XAP Conference. June 2-4 in Los Angeles, California

The purpose of this conference is to share best practices and learn how to maximize the value of your XAP products. In North Dakota, the secondary schools have access to Choices Explorer, Choices Planner, and testGEAR, all part of our computer based career information delivery system, called RUReadyND.com. The Career Resource Coordinators have been providing training this fall to counselors and educators throughout North Dakota on course planning.

In the SE Region, Jody Breker has provided training in Fargo and Jamestown on RUReadyND 101, covering all the basic features of this computer based career tool, and RUReady to Plan, creating student course plans.

Training is being offered for TestGEAR:

- Oct 1st in Wahpeton, at the NDSCS Tech Center
- Oct 7th in Oakes at the High School

*Plan on  
 attending  
 the Expo  
 Great  
 Hands-on  
 exhibits for  
 students.*

## Fargo Expo ~ December 10, 2009

The 7th Annual Career Expo, Health, Tech, and Trades will be held at the Fargodome, Dec. 10, 2009. This hand-on career fair experience exposes 9th grade students to career opportunities they may not have thought about before. Last year, students operated large equipment, watched firemen telescope down a rope from the ceiling of the Fargodome, got their hair

done, experienced a shoulder massage, and ran a high powered drill. These are a few examples of the experiences the students may have this year. I encourage your school to send students to this great opportunity. Each year more than 2000 students attend the Expo.

**Check out the Expo website;**  
**[www.httcareerexpo.com](http://www.httcareerexpo.com)**

The website includes all the information for this career fair. A schedule is created for all the schools attending so that the students will have opportunity to visit the interactive booths they choose. By Oct 15 curriculum materials will be posted on the website to prepare your students so they will get the most out of this event. Think about sending your students this year.

## Electronic Portfolios Why They Work for Students

Students want an electronic place to keep track of their academic progress. Students are mobile and can access their information from school or at home. Using **RUReadyND.com** e-portfolios gives them just that—accessibility. They work on their career plan throughout high school, it is an evolving process for them. Hopefully their academic progress matches their career plan, giving

them all the more reason to succeed in school.

**RUReadyND.com** e-portfolios provide the following features for students:

- Students can keep track of career assessment results, and related career options are given.
- Students can work on their **plan of study** continually as their needs change.
- Portfolios can be transferred from school to school.
- Students can add documents like certificates and recommendation letters used for scholarship applications.
- Students can add their test results from the PLAN, ACT, and PSAT tests. (This does not replace the official transcript.)
- Students can add and delete items as they develop and change their career plans.
- With **[www.RUReadyND.com](http://www.RUReadyND.com)**, **all this and more is possible.** Help your students create their e-portfolio today.